

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JANUARY 24, 2006

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met January 24, 2006, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Eriksen.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Chairman Eriksen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Scott Arnold was absent. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

CONSENT AGENDA – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the January 10 meeting
2. 6 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Semi Annual Report
3. 11 Approve the request from Exchange Bank to be added as a County Depository Bank
4. 15 Accept and place on file Communications from the Regional Planning Commission Lancaster noted an error on the description on the letter
5. 23 Accept and place on file the Annual Report of the Hall County Park
6. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
7. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received

Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jefferies, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HALL COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN – Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham was present. She stated that she has been working with Emergency Management Director Lela Lowry on this resolution and they have made changes regarding the county coroner and this need to be changed in other areas. If a crime were committed the County Attorney would be involved and this would need to be included in the flow chart. She is requesting to table this item for two weeks.

2b DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY REGARDING CITY COUNTY SAFETY CENTER – Ms. Oldham stated that she talked to the City Attorney and the City Administrator and requested that this be tabled.

2c AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN MAXIMUS CONTRACT – Michelle stated that she reviewed the new contract and the previous contract and has a concern that they added a paragraph addressing the liability that Maximus could have. In the new contract they are limiting their liability to the amount that they receive in payment for their services. Michelle stated that she has a concern about this and contacted Maximus. They have referred her to their corporate attorneys and she is trying to set up a meeting with their counsel to discuss the wording. This will be placed on the agenda in two weeks.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Eriksen called for public participation and no one responded.

10 DISCUSS AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF 911 TELEPHONE SYSTEM – This matter had been discussed at budget time and the county earmarked \$150,000.00 for this project. Emergency Manager Director Lela Lowry was present and stated that they have selected TCI for the system and the cost will not exceed \$140,000.00. She is requesting the boards' approval to purchase the new system. This will also help them to move forward with phase two of the E 911 system and will also assist with the mapping for the cell phones.

Hartman made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the purchase of the new E911 phone system and to not exceed \$140,000.00. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION OF FILLING WEED BOARD VACANCY – Hartman stated that the interviews were held and the Weed Board needs some one to step in with experience and Neal Sidders would be able to do that.

Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to appoint Neal Sidders to fill the vacancy on the Weed Board. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

5b PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CHANGING PART TIME POSITION TO FULL TIME POSITION – Casey Sherlock was present. Jeffries stated that this involves Wayne Gleason, who was hired part time. He does bridge inspections and does a multitude of jobs and has been working full time hours but without benefits. It is the committee's recommendation to make him a full time employee.

Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to change Wayne Gleason's position from part time to full time.

Lancaster expressed concern regarding the change in the middle of the fiscal year. But she understands that legally this has to be done. Mr. Sherlock stated that there have been some benefit changes in his department so the additional cost should be covered.

The vote on the motion was taken. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

8 DISCUSSION ON ALTERNATIVE FUEL - Hartman stated he would like to know if there could be some savings in fuel cost if alternative fuels are used. He stated that the bio diesel can be used in anything and it also burns cleaner

Casey Sherlock was present he stated that he has some research, the cost is very similar or somewhat better and it would be better for the environment and better for the engines. There are some negatives, during the winter they can only use 2% to 5% mix and the self life is 30 days. He stated that his chief mechanic attended a seminar and it was brought to their attention that mold could develop in the tanks but there is an

additive that can be added to prevent that from happening. He also expressed concern that the alternative fuels may not be available at all of the shed locations. Discussion was held on replacing or installing new tanks. He wants to make a good educated decision. Jeffries stated it is important to make sure that all of the equipment can use the fuel.

Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to refer this to the public works committee and have them come back with a recommendation. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Eriksen requested that the committee include a representative from the sheriff's department.

9:35 a.m. held a board of equalization meeting.

4 9:45 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND HALL COUNTY BUDGET – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to open the public hearing. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Stacey Ruzicka was present. The information regarding the jail bond was included in the packets. It is necessary to amend the county budget to include the jail bond fund in the amount of \$22,225,000.00. The revenue will offset the expenses.

Chairman Eriksen called for public participation and no one responded.

Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go out of the public hearing. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

4a DISCUSS AND APPROVE AMENDMENT TO HALL COUNTY BUDGET TO INCLUDE JAIL BOND FUND – Rye made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the amendment to the Hall County Budget to include the Jail Bond Fund.

Ms. Ruzicka stated that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be the revenue, but some of the architects bills will need to be paid before the bonds are sold. A loan will be made from the inheritance fund to cover those costs and once the bonds are sold a resolution will be prepared to return the money to the Inheritance Fund.

The vote on the motion to approve the amendment to the Hall County Budget was taken. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

9 DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON LEGISLATIVE BILLS – Eriksen requested that Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka provide information on proposed legislation that could affect the County. She reviewed the following bills:

- LB 781 and LB 995 are provision to change inheritance tax provision this is are brought forward every year but this has not progressed this year
- LB 823 is to change the fee disposition provision for the Clerk of the District Court for passport fees it was heard by committee on Friday

- LB893 This is the Hall County bill to modify the definition of allowable growth for budgetary purposes this will be heard on Thursday
- LB 914 and LB 915 address restitution for clean up of methamphetamine labs
- LB 1015 Funds for county jail reimbursement assistance this deals with the appropriations for jail reimbursements
- LB 1025 Remove the limit on jail reimbursement appropriations
- LB 1165 Exempting certain items from tax levy for budget purposes
- LB 1166 Exempting capital improvements from levy limits

Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that if the board would like information regarding the meth lab clean up she stated she can provide them with the information.

5a 10:00 A.M. BID OPENING FOR BOX CULVERTS – The following bids were received:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID BOND</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
L. J. Webb Contractor Geneva, NE	yes	\$52,522.11
Wilke Contracting Kearney, NE	yes	\$48,474.79
Starostka Group Grand Island, NE	yes	\$57,726.95
Midlands Contracting Kearney, NE	yes	\$50,981.20
WAW Construction Stromsburg, NE	yes	\$47,153.69
Diamond Engineering Co.	yes	\$45,464.97

Jeffries, made a motion and Lancaster seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee to review and return with a recommendation. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Continue discussion on legislative bills – Discussion was held on LB 914 and LB 915 for the restitution for meth lab clean up. Ms. Ruzicka suggested that the board watch the levy limit bills and asked if the board wanted to address any of them.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members reviewed the claims.

Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and the regular claims. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Jeffries absent for the vote. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Rye – He stated he attended the computer meeting and the Weed Board interviews and also the Juvenile Service committee meeting.

Hartman – He also attended the Weed Board interviews and the Mid Plains meeting. He was appointed Chair of Mid Plains. He reported that they are having some problems with the buildings.

Humiston – He attended the computer committee meeting, the weed board interviews and the economic development meeting.

Lancaster – She reported that the City and the County are working together on the safety center agreement. They are working out the details on the number of offices in the building and how the maintenance will be assessed. The City and County are working on a common water and sewer lines for the Safety Center and the Jail. They are continuing to work on the agreement. She also reported that she received a call from Alltel regarding the telemarketing on cell phones. He stated that this was a hoax and would not happen but Lancaster stated that there is a web site regarding this issue. She also attended the CVB meeting and they will assist Crane Meadows with the activities during the spring migration. She reported that the Senior Citizen Center is almost completed and it is wonderful. She thanked Carl Hughes, Lois Steinke and Bob Sorensen for their work.

Eriksen – He attended the Central District Health board retreat and they are trying to determine a 5-year plan and identify possible problems. He also attended the Airport Authority board meeting and they are working on renewing their air service contracts. They have hired a consultant to do some research to determine the best service.

Mr. Eriksen noted that LB 893 will be heard on Thursday and some of the board members will testify at the hearing on Thursday. They also went to Lincoln yesterday regarding this bill.

Discussion was held on the boarding at the Hall County Airport. The boardings were lower this year at 784 and they did loose some funding. They are proceeding with a paving contract and when this is completed all of the paving at the Airport will have been replaced. He also reminded the board members about the City Retreat on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Jack Rabbit Run. He also noted that the drug court graduation will be February 3 at 2:00 p.m. He handed out a draft copy of the committee assignments and asked the board members to review and let him know if they want changes made.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Jeffries stated that the public works committee met regarding the bid opening. Mr. Sherlock reported that there was an error on the tabulations so the low bidder was disqualified. County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that if the bids that are submitted are of an incomplete nature they can be denied. There was a mathematical error so they are not the low bidder.

Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to award the bid to Diamond Engineering with a total bid of \$45,464.97. They were the low bidder. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Arnold absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting will be February 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk